

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

All impaired segments are located wholly within Westmoreland County. These areas are described in the following publications:

1) Growing Area 5 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 83, **Lower Machodoc Creek**, effective 16 May 1997, 11 July 1997, 5 January 1999, 28 December 2001, 18 December 2002, 24 January 2005, 5 December 2005, and 21 December 2006 respectively.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The Technical Advisory Committee meeting on the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's will be held **on February 8, 2007 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Westmoreland County Museum and Library, located at 43 Court Square, in Montross, Virginia. The first public meeting will be held on **February 8, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m** at the Westmoreland County Museum and Library, located at 43 Court Square, in Montross, Virginia. In case of inclement weather, the public meeting will be held on February 15, 2007. Directions can be obtained by calling Chris French at (804) 521-5124.

The public comment period will begin on February 8, 2007, and end on March 12, 2007. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chris French and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chris French, Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, Glen Allen, VA, 23060, telephone (804) 527-5124, Fax (804)-527-5106, or e-mail [rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov).